



Hello I am...



Llogan (and Simon)

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My Hopes & Dreams

I started considering adoption at the age of 20, more than ten years ago, when I was working in childcare. Back then, I learned that it was very easy for me to get attached to the children in my care. I really did love them so much, and because of my love for them the idea of adoption has always remained close to my heart. While my first pregnancy went well, I knew from early on that I wanted to adopt my second child. This is a choice I made more than ten years ago and I am so excited to have started the process.

I love children and like the chaos and fun kids bring to my life. I have one child, a four-year-old son. We are a close and happy family, however, I don't feel like our family is complete. I grew up with a sibling, who I remain very close to today, I want that for my children too!

I hope to raise happy and confident children and provide a childhood full of adventures and amazing memories. I had a great childhood with a lot of benefits I hope to pass on, such as exploring my interests and finding out who I wanted to be. I want my children to have the opportunity to find and be themselves. I also want to teach them the type of resilience and confidence that is not taught in schools, simply put, self-love, self-care, and determination.

For you, you will be in my prayers every day. I hope that you feel respected and supported during this process. You deserve that! I hope that your life is full of opportunities and realized dreams, and that you have the peace knowing that your child is safe and loved unconditionally. If you select me to parent your child, I hope that you will remain in your child's life. You will always be your child's mom.

Respectfully,

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Values & Beliefs as a Parent

FAITH - I have a heart for God. I always tell my son we are His hands on earth, and it is our responsibility to show His grace and love to our neighbors. We attend church weekly, pray before meals and bedtime, we sing Happy Birthday to Him at Christmas, and talk about His resurrection at Easter. We will continue to be His hands on earth by participation in Service Day at church to feed the homeless, clean up parks, and provide for those less fortunate. We look forward to sharing our desire to be a bit of good in the world.



KINDNESS - Everything meaningful I do is done with kind intentions. This starts with being kind to myself, as well as others. One of my favorite things to do is volunteer, particularly Meals on Wheels has been a favorite. At home, when something is broken or dropped, I immediately say "it is okay." We can be kind to ourselves when we make a mistake and simply learn from it. My children will learn grace by my own kindness towards them and always know we are on the same team.

CONFIDENCE - I strongly believe that confident children are happy children. I was raised by parents that taught me how to care for myself, my home, and my goals, and I am very grateful for that. I teach my son to care for his toys and to clean up at the end of the day. He loves to spray soapy water on messes and clean them up. We will explore the activities your child is good at and slowly build up confidence by learning new ones. I will motivate your child by telling them exactly what they are doing right so that they know how to succeed.



EDUCATION - During childhood, I think the purpose of education is to help "learn how to learn" and develop their ability to apply that knowledge to tasks. Once a child is grown, education can be a vital steppingstone to having the life they want. I keep an eye on what my son shows interest in and teach him about the things he naturally gravitates to. For example, right now he wants to read and learn letters, so we work with letter flash cards, watch letter videos and sing songs about letters in the car. I look forward to learning what your child's interests are so that we may celebrate those and using them as steppingstones to their own growth and development.



GENEROSITY - It is extremely important to me to be a joyful giver. I think raising children to be joyful givers sets them up to be happy adults who make the world a better place. I support and invest my time and money in causes I think are important to a better and equitable society. I've worked on projects to reduce the amount of sugar beverages advertised in low-income areas due to the impact on dental and heart health. I believe that children learn by example, so I make sure my son sees me helping others, whether it is buying a hot cup of coffee for someone on a cold day or donating gently used clothes and items to others. I hope this will help my children grow up to respond to the needs of others.

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Home & Neighborhood

Our home is a place to recharge, reset, and relax. We take off all the worries and drop them at the door. It's a safe place to be ourselves; every version of ourselves is welcome. Most people say our home is peaceful. I feel the general vibe of my home is closer to "organized and happy chaos."

My favorite room in the house is the library. There are blue walls, a floor-to-ceiling white bookcase and a Japanese floor couch. For me it's where I unwind and read, where my sister will borrow a book from when she comes to visit. For my niece, nephew, and neighborhood friends, it's where they play the electric piano and lie on the soft couch. My son, and his cousins love to have dance parties and play make believe, chasing Pokémon all around the house and yard.

My neighborhood is very close-knit, with lots of parties and people always looking out for each other. There are a lot of little kids here, too. We have play dates at our house and theirs. The kids will do puzzles, kick or throw a ball, play with their toys, and read books together. We sometimes go on walks with their family in the evening on the paved trails around the pond. Simon likes to throw rocks in the water to see if he can make a big splash and then counts the ripples. We listen to the frogs and birds and count the stars in English and Spanish.

I place a ton of value on time spent outside. Most of our yard is enclosed by a fence, but the garden is open to the rest of the neighborhood. From the garden we eat fresh strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and tomatoes, and make room spray from the fresh lavender. My garden is an amazing place to spend time, and I love to work up a sweat planting, fertilizing, and harvesting. We also have a bistro table and lights set up outside for coffee and outdoor meals. I even made a homemade water wall for my son, niece, and nephew to play with in the summer. There is a nature preserve close by where we go frequently for some exercise and exploring!

I value anytime we are making memories together. I specifically enjoy time at home preparing our meals. I cut and Simon stirs so he feels like he is helping. We live near downtown and love to go to the festivals on the weekends. It seems like there is always a festival, some of our favorites are Sugar Rush, which has tons of desserts covered in chocolate and peanut butter, and Harvest Festival with a large parade. We play giant connect four, spin the wheel games, get animal balloons, and pet the animals such as pigs, goats, and mini horses at the petting zoo.

We will continue doing these things but will make more time and space for the interests and needs of your child as well. We will pick more books to read, expand our art corner, take turns with our meal activities, and free play will probably be much livelier. I grew up with a sibling close to my age, and I loved having someone to play games with and to be my partner in crime. I anticipate that when they are older their sibling bond will be strong enough that they can always rely on each other no matter what life brings.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, writing, cooking, gardening, singing, dog training, learning new things, home improvement projects, and travel. We also hike, bake in the kitchen, learn Spanish, do art, dance, and explore

PROFESSION:

Adoptive Mother: Assistant Attorney General

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Law Degree

PLUS:

- One dog
- Non-smoker

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Family

When I was very young, my parents got my sister and me up early one Thanksgiving morning. They had collected all our old coats in the back of our van, and they drove us into downtown Atlanta. There, we handed all of the coats out to people waiting in line at a soup kitchen. My sister and I handed out children's coats. It was noisy, and exciting, and one of the best moments of my childhood. Since then, service to others has been one of the things I enjoy most. I'm also perfectly comfortable with chaos when it leads to good things!

My son, Simon, is four years old. He is a typical child who loves to play catch, jump, run, and dance. He also likes to sit down with a book or his crayons and have some quiet time to himself. He is sensitive, silly, and sweet. He loves to show smaller children how to be safe on the playground and read to them. Simon would love to show his future sibling all the fun things he does around our home.

We are very close. Our strength as a family is in our attachment to each other, and I think that mine as a mother is in my flexibility. I appreciate structure and schedules because they help build trust and security, but sometimes it's best to just go with plan B, C, or G. We do all kinds of things together! Besides reading, singing, dancing, and cooking, we like to explore the world together.

We enjoy traveling to see family and friends and can't wait to add another child to our adventures. We went to Denver with my son's grandmother, visiting children's museums and water features for kids. When we go to Chicago to see old friends, the kids play in the garden and learn how to harvest peas. At Disney World with my son's grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousins, we dressed as characters from Disney's Lilo and Stitch. The kids got to meet their favorite characters and had the best time in the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios. We can't wait to add another child to our adventures so they too can explore some of their favorite places and create memories with family.

I want my children to enjoy the fun and learning opportunities that come with every holiday. On Valentine's Day, for instance, we make brownies or chocolate cookies and cut them into heart shapes, and we read about love. At Christmas time, the show is on! I do everything I can to make the holiday special. We make candy and cookies, bake and decorate gingerbread cake houses, drink hot chocolate, drive around looking at Christmas lights, constantly listen to Christmas music, and decorate our Christmas tree. I also love to make elaborate coordinating Halloween costumes for us based on movies or TV shows. It's great when people can guess the character. We hope this year we are making coordinating costumes for all three of us.

My mom and dad live nearby. My mom is here frequently, and always wants to help with babysitting, reading to and playing with the children, and doing art projects. My dad loves to spend time with his grandchildren, doing projects around the house and cooking together. I am looking forward to adding another child to be surrounded by our love, life, and adventures.



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